

PHOTO FEATURE

Memorial Day 2004 ...

Depot Marines help Beaufort remember fallen



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Sergeant Justin Schmidt, Parris Island Marine Band bugler, plays the ‘echo’ during taps Monday at the Beaufort National Cemetery as part of the Memorial Day remembrance ceremony.

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As residents from across the Lowcountry stood silently among the graves of fallen heroes, the Parris Island Marine Band played “God Bless America,” honoring the veterans who fought or died in the service of their beloved country.

The ceremony took place after the band led the 2004 Memorial Day Parade through the streets of Beaufort and into the Beaufort National Cemetery. Emotions ran high as veterans and their families listened to the Band’s musical tribute, which included a dignified rendition of taps.

The Lowcountry, which has many military influences within its borders, honored the present veterans and those who have long since left this world’s battles far behind, with their silence and respect.

The parade’s highlights included South Carolina State Representative, Catherine Ceips, traveling the entire parade route in fine Marine Corps’ style inside of Maj. Eric Junger’s, G-3 operations officer, World War II 1942 Ford Jeep.

Many of the veterans who attended both the parade and the ceremony in the cemetery succumbed to tears, as the bugles and rifles sounded their calls to remember. They were here to honor their brothers in arms who they had served with through some of America’s most perilous times.

Along with the veterans and their families, many young people came to pay their respect, and the indescribable emotions left behind by these men’s legacy undoubtedly inspired a new generation to remember – always remember.



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An American flag planted at the base of a headstone commemorates those who died serving their country. Veterans and family members visited the graves of loved ones at the Beaufort National Cemetery.



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The Parris Island Marine Corps Band leads the Memorial Day Parade into the Beaufort National Cemetery. The ceremony was held in remembrance of every airman, soldier, sailor and Marine who died serving their country, and to thank those serving now.